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Thursday, 25 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 11th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Néstor Carlos Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic
4. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

   Address by His Excellency Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Patrick Leclercq, Minister of State, Chief of the Government and Director of External Relations of the Principality of Monaco

(continued overleaf)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Justice and the Rule of Law: The United Nations Role". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 25 September, from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All members of the United Nations and other entities of the United Nations system with relevant expertise are invited to contribute to this process of reflection and analysis.

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of the Republic of India

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Forné Molné, Prime Minister of the Principality of Andorra

Address by His Excellency Mr. Bertie Ahern, T.D., Prime Minister of Ireland

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Edward Fenech Adami, Prime Minister of Malta

Israel

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sweden

3 p.m. . . . . 12th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfred Moisiu, President of the Republic of Albania
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomana, President of the Republic of Madagascar
4. Address by His Excellency Colonel Azali Assoumani, President of the Union of the Comoros
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso
6. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Pierre Charles, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica

Address by His Excellency Mr. Bernard Makusa, Prime Minister of Rwanda

Address by His Excellency Mr. Solomon Ekuma Dominic Berewa, Vice-President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

Republic of Korea

Kazakhstan

Islamic Republic of Iran

Mali

Armenia

Poland

Austria

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (MINUCI)
2. Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Thursday, 25 September 2003

Group of 77 ***(Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)***

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Second Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers for Foreign Affairs

2–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 25 September 2003

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . . H.E. Dr. Nkosazana C. Dlamini Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Mr. Yashwant Sinha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of India; and H.E. Mr. Celso Luiz Nunes Amorim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil

11.30 a.m. . . . . . H.E. Mr. Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

12.30 p.m. . . . . . H.E. Dato' Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia

5 p.m. . . . . . H.E. Mr. Donald C. McKinnon, Commonwealth Secretary-General; H.E. Mr. Oluyemi Adeniji, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria; and H.E. Mr. Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 26 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . . 13th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Janez Drnovsek, President of the Republic of Slovenia
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ricardo Maduro, President of the Republic of Honduras
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, President of the Republic of Haiti
4. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines
5. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

   Address by His Royal Highness Prince 'Ulukalala Lavaka Ata, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Tonga

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Ranil Wickremesinghe, MP, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

   Address by His Excellency The Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Independent State of Samoa

   Bahrain

Turkmenistan

Cuba

Greece

Yemen

3 p.m. . . . . 14th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe

2. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Turkey

New Zealand

Qatar

Barbados

Netherlands

United Arab Emirates

Tunisia

Viet Nam

Gabon

Iceland

San Marino

Botswana

Chile

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its first organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/58/CRP.1/Rev.1).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items from Monday, 6 October, to Friday, 17 October 2003. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Mr. Tam Chung; room S-2977E; tel. 1 (212) 963-1901).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad Sattar, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (212) 963-5595).

Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee

The Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda will be as follows: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur; and (b) Organization of work (A/C.4/58/1 and A/C.4/58/L.1).

This Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 6 October 2003, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 6 October 2003 (see document A/C.4/58/L.1) are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay, (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K, fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organizations of work as contained in A/C.2/58/L.1[1].

The Committee will also begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2003 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, will be open *today*, 25 September, at 10 a.m.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/58/L.1[1].

The Committee will also begin its consideration of items 105 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), 106 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) and 107 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing), on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 29 September 2003.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

The organizational meeting of the main part of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session will be held on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 3. A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation will be issued shortly as document A/C.5/58/L.1.

Sixth Committee

The Sixth Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.6/58/L.1. The meeting will be followed in the same room by a meeting of the Working Group on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Commonwealth Committee on Terrorism

The Commonwealth Committee on Terrorism will hold a closed meeting on Friday, 26 September 2003, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Organization of the Islamic Conference

The Committee on Palestine of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will hold a closed meeting *(at the ministerial level)* on Friday, 26 September 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Afghanistan of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will hold a closed meeting *(at the ministerial level)* on Friday, 26 September 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

The Contact Group on Somalia of the Organization of the Islamic Conference will hold a closed meeting *(at the ministerial level)* on Friday, 26 September 2003, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Community of Democracies Convening Group *(at the ministerial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Community of Democracies Convening Group *(at the ministerial level)* on Friday, 26 September 2003, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61) (organized by the Permanent Mission of China)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing Capacity-building of Global Public Health" (item 61), organized by the Permanent Mission of China, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Special briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

There will be a special briefing on the main elements and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Implementation of and follow-up to commitments and agreements made at the International Conference on Financing for Development" (A/58/216), organized by the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from *10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4870; e-mail: ffdoffice@un.org).

Group of Landlocked Developing Countries *(Fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting)*

The Fourth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries will take place on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "International Year of Sport and Physical Education", organized by the Permanent Mission of Tunisia, on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

UNITAR briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing by Mr. Eduardo A. Doryan, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, and Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations, on the results of the meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the Development Committee (Dubai, 21-22 September 2003). This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is *today*, 25 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation organize the series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, geared towards all diplomats, which in 2003 is repeated five times. The first four modules of each cycle, focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, which is conducted as an intensive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information

technology and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff, as well as non-governmental organizations.

Cycle 5, the last of this year's series, to be conducted in English, will be held from 2 October to 21 November 2003. For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-3021).

UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing an English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 6 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 7 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 8 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 1 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

General Assembly

Statements in the general debate of the plenary

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a *15-minute* time limit should be observed. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

The general debate will be webcast live and archived for on-demand viewing at www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Facilities for bilateral consultations

Facilities are available for bilateral consultations during this period. For further information, interested delegations may refer to Note Verbale No. 03-204 or contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (tel. 1 (212) 963-2643).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 4 September 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 23 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

8th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia

H.E. Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of Latvia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, President of the Republic of Paraguay

H.E. Mr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, President of the Republic of Paraguay, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of Afghanistan

H.E. Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of Afghanistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Vladimir Voronin, President of the Republic of Moldova

H.E. Mr. Vladimir Voronin, President of the Republic of Moldova, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez, President of the Republic of El Salvador

H.E. Mr. Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez, President of the Republic of El Salvador, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Alfonso Portillo Cabrera, President of the Republic of Guatemala

H.E. Mr. Alfonso Portillo Cabrera, President of the Republic of Guatemala, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Ms. Megawati Soekarnoputri, President of the Republic of Indonesia

H.E. Ms. Megawati Soekarnoputri, President of the Republic of Indonesia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria

H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria, addressed the General Assembly.

General debate . . . . . [9]

Statements were made by H.E. The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada; H.E. Mr. José Manuel Durão Barroso, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic; H.E. The Honourable Kenny Davis Anthony, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Information and the Public Service of Saint Lucia; H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Primer Minister of Kuwait; H.E. Mr. Louis Michel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Mr. José María Aznar, President of the Government of Spain; and H.E. Mrs. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Wednesday, 24 September 2003

Security Council

4833rd meeting

Justice and the Rule of Law: The United Nations Role

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The President made an introductory statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, His Excellency Mr. Khurshid M. Kasuri; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, His Excellency Mr. Igor S. Ivanov; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, His Excellency Mr. Dominique Galouzeau de Villepin; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, His Excellency Mr. Li Zhaoxing; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mexico, His Excellency Mr. Luis Ernesto Derbez; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic, His Excellency Mr. Farouk Al-Shara'; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, His Excellency Mr. Solomon Passy; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guinea, His Excellency Mr. François Lonsény Fall; the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain, Her Excellency Ms. Ana Palacio; the Permanent Representative of Germany, His Excellency Mr. Gunter Pleuger; the Permanent Representative of Angola, His Excellency Mr. Ismael Abraão Gaspar Martins; the Permanent Representative of Cameroon, His Excellency Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou; the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States of America, His Excellency Mr. James B. Cunningham; and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile, Her Excellency Ms. Soledad Alvear; and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, His Excellency The Right Honourable Jack Straw, M.P.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2003/15).

General Assembly

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9th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of Mozambique

H.E. Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano, President of Mozambique, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Mr. Enrique Bolaños Geyer, President of the Republic of Nicaragua

H.E. Mr. Enrique Bolaños, President of the Republic of Nicaragua, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Arnold Rüütel, President of the Republic of Estonia

H.E. Mr. Arnold Rüütel, President of the Republic of Estonia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana

H.E. Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

H.E. Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Lucio Gutiérrez Borbúa, President of the Republic of Ecuador

H.E. Mr. Lucio Gutiérrez Borbúa, President of the Republic of Ecuador, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

H.E. General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Vicente Fox, President of the United Mexican States

H.E. Mr. Vicente Fox, President of the United Mexican States, addressed the General Assembly.

General debate . . . . . **[9]**

Statements were made by: H.E. Mr. Gerhard Schröder, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany; H.E. Mr. Carlos Mesa Gisbert, Constitutional Vice President of the Republic of Bolivia; H.E. Mr. Li Zhaoxing, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; and H.E. The Honourable Alexander Downer, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia.

10th plenary meeting

The summary of the 10th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/185).

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 24 September 2003

904th–905th meetings (closed)

Consideration of reports of States parties . . . . . [4]

The Committee considered the item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Belarus (23 September 2003)[1]

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Ratification: Turkey (23 September 2003)[1]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Ratification: Turkey (23 September 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Accession: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)[1]

Signature: Armenia (24 September 2003)

Signature: Botswana (24 September 2003)

Signature: Estonia (24 September 2003)

Signature: Ghana (24 September 2003)

Ratification: Lesotho (24 September 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Armenia (24 September 2003)

Accession: Botswana (24 September 2003)[1]

Signature: Estonia (24 September 2003)

Signature: Ghana (24 September 2003)

Ratification: Lesotho (24 September 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Signature: Iceland (24 September 2003)

Signature: Madagascar (24 September 2003)

Signature: Malta (24 September 2003)

Ratification: Malta (24 September 2003)[1]

Signature: Norway (24 September 2003)

Signature: Romania (24 September 2003)

Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950

Signature: Ghana (24 September 2003)

Signature: Lesotho (24 September 2003)

Signature: Mauritius (24 September 2003)

Final Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others. Lake Success, New York, 21 March 1950

Signature: Ghana (24 September 2003)

Signature: Lesotho (24 September 2003)

Signature: Mauritius (24 September 2003)

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Jamaica (24 September 2003)

Signature: Madagascar (24 September 2003)

Ratification: Malta (24 September 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade. New York, 12 December 2001

Signature: Madagascar (24 September 2003)

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Madagascar (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Nicaragua (24 September 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Madagascar (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Malaysia (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Mauritius (24 September 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Madagascar (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Malaysia (24 September 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Accession: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Madagascar (24 September 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Lesotho (24 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Malta (24 September 2002)[1]

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Lesotho (24 September 2003)[1]

Ratification: Malta (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Mauritius (24 September 2003)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Malta (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Mauritius (24 September 2003)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Accession: Lesotho (24 September 2003)[1]

Accession: Mauritius (24 September 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

Designation of authorities under article 2 (1)(2): Czech Republic (24 September 2003)[1]

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards. New York, 10 June 1958

Accession: Nicaragua (24 September 2003)[1]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Madagascar (24 September 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Jamaica (24 September 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Jamaica (24 September 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Geneva, 3 September 1992

Ratification: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)[1]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)

Ratification: Afghanistan (24 September 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Signature of and deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to the above Protocol

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Delegations that intend to sign or deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the Optional Protocol during the Focus 2003 Treaty Event are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail untreaty@un.org).

It is noted that the Protocol is open for signature by any State that has signed the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. It is further noted that the Protocol is subject to ratification by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention, and is also open to accession by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Focus 2003: Treaties against transnational organized crime and terrorism

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The Treaty Event will take place until 26 September 2003 at Headquarters, in a special room located on the ground floor of the General Assembly Building (near the Delegates' Entrance in the Kuwaiti boat area).

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 2 April 2003, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to transnational organized crime and terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "Mainstreaming Ageing: Forging Links between Madrid Plan of Action and the Millennium Development Goals", in observance of the International Day of Older People. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 10 to 11.20 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications, will be the moderator. Ms. Alejandra Marta Ayuso, First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations, and Ms. Eveline L. Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals, will be the keynote speakers. A panel discussion on the topic of "Relating the Madrid Plan of Action to the Millennium Development Process" will be held from 11.25 a.m. to 12.25 p.m., as a second part of the programme. The participants will be Mr. Johan Schlovnik, Director, Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (as moderator); and Ms. Sonia Elliot, Liaison Officer, UNAIDS, Prof. Naomi Woronov, Author, Director, Community Colleges in China Project; Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Senior Advisor, Office of the Managing Director, World Bank; Mr. Gaoussou Traoré, Social Action Manager, Ministry of Social Development, Solidarity and Older Persons, Mali; and Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, will make a presentation on "The United Nations and Humanitarian Action in Today's Crisis Spots".

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 24 September 2003.

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